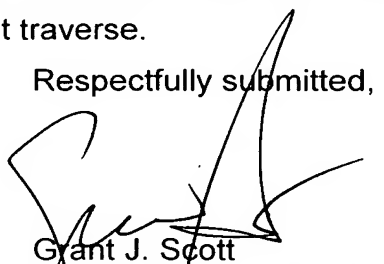


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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of August 20, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II (Claims 1-16, 31-42 and 44-45). Claims 17-30 and 43, which are directed to the Group I invention, have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application. Applicants agree that the patentability or unpatentability of the Group II invention would not necessarily imply the patentability or unpatentability of the Group I invention. Accordingly, Applicants are making this election without traverse.

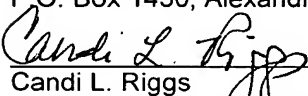
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